

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

- 5 On page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraphs and headings:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of co-pending International Application No.  
PCT/DK02/00776, filed 19 November 2002.

- 10 FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- 15 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As stated in the above-mentioned international patent application, a multi-panel package for packaging and sealing a data medium cover is disclosed in Danish design registration no. MR1998 00856 published on 31 July 1998. Further in the above-mentioned published international patent application a technique of using a multi-panel package for packaging and sealing a data medium cover, in particular a CD cover within the package is described which technique involves the use of a label ~~configured~~ configured as ~~[[a]]~~ an annular part continuing into an adhesive carrying label flap which is used by positioning the annular part round the central CD carrying projection of the CD cover and fixating the outwardly protruding adhesive carrying flap to the outer surface of the package. Although this technique has proven to be successful and reliable and provides the intentional sealing of the package preventing a person from removing the CD cover from a package without braking the seal established by the label, this technique is still open for refinements and in particular simplification as is taught by the present invention.

- 25 On page 1, after line 25, please insert the following heading:

- 30 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Whereas the collapsible package of the system according to the first aspect of the present invention basically constitutes a sleeve for receiving the data medium cover, exclusively, the package may according to an alternative embodiment and as disclosed in the above-mentioned published international patent application comprise one or more additional panels being substantially coextensive with the front and/or rear panels and being connected with the front and/or rear panels through hinge parts for the provisions of one or more cover panels collapsible in contact with the front and/or the rear panels. Basically the additional panels may constitute ~~wing~~ wings or leaves for allowing a package to be closed like a book or similar collapsible structure.

- 10 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
According to a particular feature of the present invention, the sealing label is for providing a ~~temper~~ tamper proof structure provided with a plurality of through-going cuts providing the feature that the sealing label disintegrates provided an attempt ~~[[of]]~~ at removal of the sealing label from the adhesion to the front panel be made. The through-going cuts may be of any appropriate  
15 configuration such as a radial pattern, a zigzag pattern or parallel cuts from one or both edges of the sealing label being of a substantial rectangular configuration.

- Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
The collapsible package of the system according to the first aspect of the present invention may  
20 be made from any appropriate material including ~~plasties~~ plastic materials, cardboard material and ~~aluminium~~ aluminum foil and/or combinations thereof, however, according to the presently preferred embodiment of the system according to the first aspect of the present invention, the collapsible package is made from cardboard and said sealing label being constituted by an adhesive tape having a supporting ~~plasties~~ plastic foil and said adhesive coating being applied to the  
25 one face thereof.

- Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 28 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
The system according to the second aspect of the present invention ~~utilises~~ utilizes the possibility of fixating the data medium cover in its packed and sealed state within the sleeve by means of  
30 one or more sealing labels to be applied along the rim part of the front or rear panel. The system according to the second aspect of the present invention may according to advantageous embodi-

ments be embodied in accordance with the system according to the first aspect of the present invention and in general the two systems according to the first and second aspects of the present invention may readily be combined into a single system.

- 5 On page 5, after line 3, please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

On page 5, after line 17, please insert the following new paragraph:

- 10 Fig. 5 is a planar, elevational view, similar to the view of Fig. 1, illustrating the use of the embodiment of the package shown in Figs. 4a – 4d, according to the alternative sealing technique shown in Fig. 2,

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 20 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

- 15 Fig. 6 is a series of semi-diagrammatic views of a package in accordance with the first embodiment of the invention, showing the steps of sealing a CD cover in the package and of removing a CD cover from the package.

On page 5, after line 22, please insert the following heading:

- 20 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

- Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
In Fig. 1, a first embodiment of a package for use in accordance with the packaging and sealing technique according to the present invention is shown. The package is in its entirety designated  
25 the reference numeral 10 and comprises a sleeve 12 for receiving and enclosing a data medium cover in particular a CD cover 28 in an inner compartment defined within the sleeve. The sleeve is in greater details defined by opposite front and rear panels 14 and 16 which are interconnected by opposite side walls one of which is illustrated in Fig. 1a and designated the reference numeral 18. In the front panel ~~[[12]]~~ 14, a through-going perforation 20 is provided defining an area  
30 which is exposable through the removal of the central area defined within the through-going perforation 20 for exposing the information presented on the CD cover received within the sleeve.

The technique of exposing the CD cover is described in greater ~~details~~ detail in the above-mentioned published international patent application. The package is further provided with two additional panels 22 and 24, the panel 22 being connected to the rear panel 16 of the sleeve 12 through a hinged connection part 21 whereas the panel 24 is connected to the panel 22 through a  
5 hinge part 23 similar to the hinge part 21. Furthermore, the rear panel 16 may as described below with reference to Fig. 2 be provided with a central aperture or window. In general, the front and rear panels may ~~[[by]]~~ be constituted by solid panels, apertured panels or perforated panels or combinations of the above.

10 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
The panel 24 is further provided with a minor flap for co-operating with a slit 27 (Fig. 4c) provided in the junction between the hinged connection part 21 and the rear panel 16 as is also described in greater ~~details~~ detail in the above-mentioned published international patent applica-  
tion.

15 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
The sleeve 12 constitutes ~~[[and]]~~ an open end sleeve in which the CD cover 28 is introduced from one end, namely from a position lying on top of the panel 22 as is illustrated in greater ~~de-~~  
~~tails~~ detail in Fig. 1a.

20 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
Alternatively, as illustrated in Fig. 1b, the CD cover 28 may be introduced from the other or op-  
posite end of the sleeve 12.

25 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
In accordance with the teaching of the present invention, the front panel 14 is provided with a location or area 30 which exhibits a high affinity to an adhesive material applied to an adhesive label 32 which is mounted on the CD cover 28 which is to be packaged within and sealed within the package 10. The label 32 is, as is illustrated in Fig. 1a, applied to the rear side of the CD  
30 cover 28 extending ~~round~~ around the free exposed end of the CD cover and is then after the CD cover has been shifted into the interior of the sleeve 12 pressed into contact with the area 30 ex-

hibiting a high affinity to the adhesive of the label 32. It is to be ~~realised~~ realized that the high affinity of the area or location 30 may be present on the entire surface of the front panel 14, however in some applications, the front panel 14 is provided with an illustration or covering which prevents the label from adhering to the front panel, therefore, the dedicated adhesion fixation area 30 is provided.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
In general, it is to be ~~realised~~ realized that the package according to the present invention may be modified by substituting the front panel with the rear panel and vice versa and in doing so shifting the location of the area exhibiting the high affinity to the adhesive material from the front panel to the rear panel.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
In Fig. 2, an alternative technique of using of the label 32 is illustrated, in which application a multiplicity of labels is used. In Fig. 2, the entire package is turned around presenting the rear panel 16 to the viewer after the sleeve 12 is bent along the hinge line defined in the junction between the hinged part 21 and the rear panel 16 and also the additional panel 22. In Fig. 2, a central aperture is defined by a cut line 17 in the rear panel 16 providing a window in the rear panel 16. The CD cover received within the sleeve 12 is ~~fixated~~ fixed relative to the circumferential remaining rim part of the rear panel 16 by means of a plurality of labels 32. In addition, two labels 32 are ~~fixated-round~~ fixed around the open outer end of the sleeve 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:  
The label 32 may be constituted by any appropriate adhesive tape conventionally used within the industry exhibiting a high affinity to the material of the package 10 which is preferably made from cardboard. The adhesive of the label is chosen for establishing a permanent seal between the label and the adhesive location area 30 of the front panel 14 of the package 10 and is further chosen or selected for establishing a non-permanent, however, highly stable sealing to the material of the CD cover. Within the industry, a multiplicity of solvent based and water based adhesives are well known and commonly used in the industry for stickers or labels commonly applied to CD covers or similar covers or devices. However, according to a particular aspect of the pre-

sent invention, the label 32 is dedicated for the purpose of establishing the intentional ~~tamper~~  
tamper proof sealing of the CD cover within the sleeve 12 and is, as is illustrated in Fig. 2a, pro-  
vided with a plurality of through-going slits a of a radial pattern or alternatively in a zigzag pat-  
tern providing the advantageous feature of insuring that the label disintegrates provided it is at-  
tempted to remove the label from its fixture to the area 30 of the front panel 14, by tearing the  
label in the direction designated by the arrows b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 2b, an alternative embodiment of the label to be used in combination with the sleeve 10  
according to the present invention is shown designating the reference numeral 32'. The label 32'  
differs from the above described label 32 in that the label 32' is composed of three parts, a first  
part 32a provided with an adhesive material exhibiting high affinity to the ~~plasties~~ plastic mate-  
rial of the CD cover, a second part 32b being uncovered and providing a non-adhering interme-  
diate part and finally a third part ~~[[32b]]~~ 32c for contacting with and adhering to the sleeve 32  
and therefore being provided with an adhesive material or adhesive coating exhibiting high affini-  
ty to the area 30 of the front panel 14. The part 32a defines, as is evident from Fig. 2b, a width  
which is approximately twice the width of each of the second and the third parts and conse-  
quently in total constitutes approximately one half of the width or length of the entire label 32'.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Fig. 3, the blank from which the erected and uncollapsed package 10 shown in Fig. 1 is made  
is illustrated in greater details illustrating the generally L-shaped blank defining the rear panel 16  
having its central aperture defined by the through-going cut 17, the front panel 14 provided with  
the through-going perforation 20 and the two additional panels 22 and 23, and further a flap 19  
extending from the rear panel 16 and serving the purpose of establishing in co-operation with the  
front panel 14 the open end sleeve 12 illustrated in Figs. 1 and 1a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c and 4d, a modified version of the package is shown designated the reference  
numeral 10' in its entirety. In the present specification, a component or an element identical to a

previously described component or element is designated by the same integer as used previously whereas a component or an element serving the same purpose as the previously described component or element respectively, however different in configuration or material from the previously described component or element is designated by the same integer however with an added  
5 [[a]] marking. In Figs. 4a, 4b, 4c, and 4d, the modified version of the package 10' is illustrated comprising a single panel 22 whereas the panel 24 shown in Figs. 1, 1a and 3 is substituted by a flap 24'.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

10 In Fig. ~~[[6]]~~ 5, the use of the alternative embodiment of the package 10' shown in Figs. 4a-4d according to the technique illustrated in Fig. 2 is illustrated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 32 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Although the present invention has above been described with reference to distinct and presently  
15 preferred embodiments including additional panels designated by the reference numerals 22 and 24, it is to be understood that the present invention is in general to be construed as defined in the appending ~~claim~~ claims. In particular, the present invention may be embodied as a sleeve comprising the front and rear panels together with the side walls exclusively, i.e. omitting the above described panels provided the complete enclosing of the sleeve and also the CD cover received  
20 therein. It is further contemplated that the present invention may be embodied in numerous geometrical configurations for complying with a specific data-carrying medium or alternatively an analogue signal-carrying medium such as a VHS, a BETAMAX, a CC or CDC cassette or any other signal or data-carrying medium, including CD, CD-ROMs, DVDs.

25 Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 12 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

Fig. 6 illustrates the steps of using a package in accordance with the embodiment of Figs. 1, 1a, 1b, 2, and 3. Specifically, the top row of five diagrams illustrates the steps of enclosing and sealing a CD cover in the package, while the bottom row of three diagrams illustrates the steps of  
30 unsealing the package and removing the CD cover therefrom.